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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/508/Add.1)*]

54/247. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

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FINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee[3] concerning the second performance report;

3. *Notes* that the vacancy rate for the Professional level during the biennium 1998-1999 was higher than the rate on the basis of which the programme budget had been approved;

4. *Resolves* that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(*a*) The amount of 2,529,903,500 United States dollars appropriated in its resolutions 53/215 A of 18 December 1998 and 53/219 of 7 April 1999 shall be decreased by 41,601,500 dollars as follows:

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[1] A/54/631 and Corr.1.

[2] A/54/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Fifth Committee,* 47th meeting (A/C.5/54/SR.47), and corrigendum.

Section		*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/215 A and 53/219*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
			(United States dollars)	
Part I.	**Overall policy-making, direction and coordination**			
1A.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	41 341 200	364 500	41 705 700
1B.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	427 653 800	9 830 900	437 484 700
	Total, part I	**468 995 000**	**10 195 400**	**479 190 400**
Part II.	**Political affairs**			
2A.	Political affairs	41 233 900	(183 500)	41 050 400
2B.	Disarmament	12 975 900	(1 172 100)	11 803 800
3.	Peacekeeping operations and special missions	181 423 700	(14 357 500)	167 066 200
4.	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 934 800	242 900	4 177 700
	Total, part II	**239 568 300**	**(15 470 200)**	**224 098 100**
Part III.	**International justice and law**			
5.	International Court of Justice	20 659 600	521 800	21 181 400
6.	Legal affairs	32 449 200	(1 008 300)	31 440 900
	Total, part III	**53 108 800**	**(486 500)**	**52 622 300**
Part IV.	**International cooperation for development**			
7A.	Economic and social affairs	106 958 400	(1 978 000)	104 980 400
8.	Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 230 000	(262 900)	4 967 100
11A.	Trade and development	93 296 400	(4 351 300)	88 945 100
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	19 812 700	(1 291 500)	18 521 200
12.	Environment	8 756 600	50 000	8 806 600
13.	Human settlements	12 588 700	367 700	12 956 400
14.	Crime control	5 357 300	(598 600)	4 758 700
15.	International drug control	14 728 400	(842 500)	13 885 900
	Total, part IV	**266 728 500**	**(8 907 100)**	**257 821 400**
Part V.	**Regional cooperation for development**			
16.	Economic and social development in Africa	80 607 800	(3 053 200)	77 554 600
17.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	56 675 900	(2 727 500)	53 948 400
18.	Economic development in Europe	43 549 600	(1 018 600)	42 531 000
19.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	82 684 000	(3 558 800)	79 125 200
20.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	49 752 300	(7 968 700)	41 783 600
21.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 655 200	(398 000)	42 257 200
	Total, part V	**355 924 800**	**(18 724 800)**	**337 200 000**
Part VI.	**Human rights and humanitarian affairs**			
22.	Human rights	40 832 600	1 065 200	41 897 800
23.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	45 051 000	1 469 400	46 520 400

Section		*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/215 A and 53/219*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
24.	Palestine refugees	21 804 800	3 077 500	24 882 300
25.	Humanitarian assistance	17 583 200	34 400	17 617 600
	Total, part VI	**125 271 600**	**5 646 500**	**130 918 100**
Part VII.	**Public information**			
26.	Communications and public information	135 574 000	(1 711 100)	133 862 900
	Total, part VII	**135 574 000**	**(1 711 100)**	**133 862 900**
Part VIII.	**Common support services**			
27.	Management and central support services			
A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 090 300	(46 200)	11 044 100
B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	20 888 200	(692 200)	20 196 000
C.	Office of Human Resources Management	44 675 800	1 282 400	45 958 200
D.	Office of Central Support Services	226 894 000	(4 431 600)	222 462 400
F.	Administration, Geneva	99 853 200	(2 279 400)	97 573 800
G.	Administration, Vienna	30 701 400	(860 400)	29 841 000
H.	Administration, Nairobi	12 194 900	1 139 500	13 334 400
	Total, part VIII	**446 297 800**	**(5 887 900)**	**440 409 900**
Part IX.	**Office of Internal Oversight Services**			
28.	Internal oversight	17 941 500	(173 500)	17 768 000
	Total, part IX	**17 941 500**	**(173 500)**	**17 768 000**
Part X.	**Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses**			
29.	Jointly financed administrative activities	5 824 200	2 139 900	7 964 100
30.	Special expenses	52 684 300	(8 227 800)	44 456 500
	Total, part X	**58 508 500**	**(6 087 900)**	**52 420 600**
Part XI.	**Capital expenditures**			
31.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	34 173 100	2 838 500	37 011 600
	Total, part XI	**34 173 100**	**2 838 500**	**37 011 600**
Part XII.	**Staff assessment**			
32.	Staff assessment	314 746 600	(2 832 900)	311 913 700
	Total, part XII	**314 746 600**	**(2 832 900)**	**311 913 700**
Part XIII.	**Development Account**			
34.	Development Account	13 065 000	-	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
	Grand total	**2 529 903 500**	**(41 601 500)**	**2 488 302 000**

(*b*) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(*c*) In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph (*a*) above, an amount of 51,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1998-1999 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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FINAL INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(*a*) The estimates of income of 362,705,400 United States dollars approved by its resolution 53/215 B of 18 December 1998 shall be decreased by 6,326,200 dollars as follows:

Income sections	*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/215 B*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	324 796 600	(10 101 200)	314 695 400
Total, income section 1	**324 796 600**	**(10 101 200)**	**314 695 400**
2. General income	33 585 400	3 986 200	37 571 600
3. Services to the public	4 307 600	(211 200)	4 096 400
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**37 893 000**	**3 775 000**	**41 668 000**
Grand total	**362 689 600**	**(6 326 200)**	**356 363 400**

(*b*) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(*c*) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/690)*]

54/248. Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 47/202 A to D of 22 December 1992, 48/222 A and B of 23 December 1993, 49/221 A to D of 23 December 1994, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/206 A to F of 23 December 1995, 51/211 A to E of 18 December 1996 and 51/211 F of 15 September 1997, 52/23 of 25 November 1997, 52/214 of 22 December 1997 and 53/208 A to E of 18 December 1998 and decisions 38/401 of 23 September 1983 and 52/468 of 31 March 1998,

A

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,[1]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Committee on Conferences, and takes note of its report,[1] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/54/32).

2. *Approves* the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all the conference services required as a result of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, taking into account, as necessary, the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

5. *Reaffirms* its decision that the headquarters rule shall be adhered to by all bodies, and decides that waivers to the headquarters rule shall be granted solely on the basis of the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations recommended by the Committee on Conferences for adoption by the General Assembly;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat took into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A with regard to the two holidays of Id al-Fitr, which falls on 8 January (to be observed on 7 January) and 27 December 2000, and Id al-Adha, which falls on 16 March 2000, when drafting the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001;

7. *Also notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat took into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A concerning Orthodox Good Friday (which fell on 9 April 1999), which falls on 28 April 2000 and 13 April 2001 in the calendar for the next biennium, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe this decision when planning their meetings;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, to make every effort to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations;

9. *Reaffirms* the provisions established by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/11 regarding multilingualism;

10. *Notes* that the procedure proposed in paragraph 172 of the report of the Committee on Conferences[1] precludes observers from participating fully in the work of the Committee;

11. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to keep under review its procedure regarding the participation of observers;

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[2] Ibid., annex.

B

UTILIZATION OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[4] the report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services,[6] the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on these issues[7] and the report of the Secretary-General on career development in language services,[8]

1. *Notes with concern* the proposed reduction of resources for conference services for the biennium 2000-2001, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that efficiency measures are carefully analysed to avoid any negative impact on conference services, in the light of the level and quality of services provided to Member States;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing adequate conference-servicing resources to all United Nations conference centres;

3. *Notes with appreciation* that the overall utilization factor for 1998 exceeded the benchmark of 80 per cent, in particular at Geneva and Vienna;

4. *Encourages* the optimum utilization of conference services in New York, taking into full consideration issues of efficiency and effectiveness, including the limitations of small delegations;

5. *Emphasizes*, therefore, the need to ensure equal opportunity for all Member States to participate fully in meeting their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, and in this connection urges intergovernmental bodies when adopting their programmes of work to avoid as much as possible, *inter alia*, the scheduling of simultaneous, parallel and/or late night meetings;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Committee on Conferences to continue to consult with those bodies that consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources;

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[3] A/54/208.

[4] A/54/221.

[5] A/54/262.

[6] A/53/833.

[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7), paras. 108-114.

[8] A/53/919 and Add.2.

7. *Requests* the Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences to transmit a letter to the chairpersons of all bodies that utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (80 per cent) of their allocated conference resources in the previous year, informing them of the problem and drawing their attention to the significant loss of meeting time, with a view to encouraging appropriate action on their part so as to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources;

8. *Notes* the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of sessional bodies, in view of the increased requests for meetings of regional and other major groups, and welcomes the fact that 83 per cent of the requests for interpretation services for such meetings were met, while 100 per cent of the requests for facilities only were met;

9. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some Member States owing to the lack of conference services for some meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;

10. *Regrets* that 17 per cent of the requests for interpretation services made by regional and other major groupings of Member States were not met, while recognizing that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority;

11. *Decides* to include all necessary resources in the budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to provide interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with established practice, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Committee on Conferences, a report on the implementation of this decision;

12. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make provision for such meetings in their programme of work and to notify conference services, well in advance, of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources may, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States;

13. *Decides* that full interpretation services, in the six official languages, must be ensured for the meetings of intergovernmental bodies for the full duration of those meetings;

14. *Expresses concern* that the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi are still underutilized, as recorded during the last reporting period;

15. *Reiterates its call* for better utilization of the conference facilities at Nairobi;

16. *Urges* all subsidiary bodies of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Human Settlements, and encourages Member States, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings to increase their use of the conference facilities at Nairobi;

17. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to assist the aforementioned bodies in improving this situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Committee on Conferences, on the actions taken to that end;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the decision of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to hold the Fifth Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21 in December 1999 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

19. *Encourages* other departments, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings to follow the example set by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

20. *Also encourages* all United Nations bodies and expert groups not subject to the headquarters rule to hold some of their meetings at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

21. *Reaffirms* the general principle established in the headquarters rule, and in particular, that all meetings related to environment and human settlements that are organized by the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), respectively, should be held at Nairobi, being the headquarters of the Programme and Habitat;

22. *Discourages strongly* any invitation for hosting meetings which would violate the headquarters rule, in particular for United Nations centres with a low utilization level;

23. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to consider the possibility of holding its 2000 substantive session at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

24. *Decides* to establish a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi no later than January 2001;

25. *Also decides* to strengthen the interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Vienna;

26. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue further the active dialogue between conference services and the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, with a view to improving the provision of conference services;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure an increase in the utilization of the regional centres in future work programmes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

28. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to update the administrative instruction of 8 May 1987 on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985;[9]

29. *Notes with appreciation* the renovation of the Economic and Social Council Chamber with the voluntary contribution of a Member State;

C

DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATION-RELATED MATTERS

1. *Reiterates its decision* that, if a report is submitted late to the conference services, the reasons therefor should be included in a footnote to the document;

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[9] ST/AI/342.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the texts of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are communicated to Member States within fifteen days after the close of the session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the *Official Records* of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly include information on the adoption of the resolutions, such as voting records and sponsors, before the text of each resolution, in the six official languages of the Organization;

4. *Notes with deep concern* the low rate of compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

6. *Notes with deep concern* that the provisions of paragraphs 24 and 25 of section B of its resolution 52/214 and paragraphs 11 and 12 of its resolution 53/208 B are not being fully implemented;

7. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in reports originating in the Secretariat:

(*a*) A summary of the report;

(*b*) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(*c*) Relevant background information;

8. *Reiterates* that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its reports in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 B;

10. *Recalls* its decision in paragraph 2 (*b*) of section II of its resolution 41/213, and emphasizes that, in future, proposed programme budgets should be considered by the General Assembly in fascicle form, together with recommendations on them by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and that the programme budgets should be issued in their final form after approval by the Assembly with the changes to the resource level annexed to the approved programme budget;

11. *Notes with concern* the decline in the number of documents submitted to conference services in time for processing before the beginning of a session, and requests the Secretary-General to take urgent remedial measures to rectify this alarming situation, including the introduction of a system of responsibility and accountability;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish, prior to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, updated versions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation in the six official languages of the Organization;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to publish the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations in the six official languages of the Organization when their consolidation is completed;

14. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies, when feasible, to become more actively involved in rationalizing their meeting schedules in order to ensure the timely distribution of all related documentation, and requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals based on the reviews, through the Committee on Conferences, to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

D

TRANSLATION- AND INTERPRETATION-RELATED MATTERS

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to other locations from permanent interpretation structures in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi[10] and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Career development in language services: the post of reviser",[11]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to utilize new technologies, such as computer-assisted translation, remote translation, terminology databases and speech recognition, in the six official languages so as to enhance further the productivity of conference services, and to keep the General Assembly informed of the introduction and use of any other new technology;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to ensure that training opportunities in the six official languages are equally available to all language staff, including those at duty stations away from Headquarters;

3. *Decides* that, in the absence of a General Assembly decision to the contrary, the use of remote interpretation shall not constitute an alternative to the current institutionalized system of interpretation;

4. *Also decides* that the use of remote interpretation should not affect the quality of interpretation or in itself lead to any further reduction in language posts, nor will it affect the equal treatment of the six official languages;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the introduction and use of any new technology, in particular remote interpretation, and to report thereon to the General Assembly on a regular basis;

6. *Requests* that efforts continue to be made to improve the quality control of language services at all duty stations;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Career development in language services — Measures aimed at reducing excessive vacancy rates at some duty stations: elements

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[10] A/54/176.

[11] A/53/919/Add.1.

of a system of managed assignments",[12] and requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments in this area;

8. *Notes with concern* that the rate of self-revision exceeded the established benchmark and even tended to increase at all duty stations;

9. *Recognizes* that an increase in the use of temporary assistance and contractual translation services could increase the need for revision at the senior levels;

10. *Notes with concern* that some documents issued in Arabic tend to follow a consistent pattern of excessively literal translation, by focusing more on the vocabulary and not on the content of the original language, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this situation is rectified;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that translation, in principle, reflects the specificity of each language;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to improve further the quality of translation of documents issued in the six official languages, to ensure continuous dialogue between translation staff and interpretation staff, among United Nations headquarters at New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, and between translation divisions and Member States with regard to the standardization of the terminology used;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that Member States, which are the main users of United Nations documents, are briefed periodically on the terminology used;

14. *Decides* to keep the matter under review through consultations with Member States concerned;

E

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations web sites,[13]

1. *Notes* the request of the Committee on Information that the Secretary-General continue to develop and enhance the United Nations web sites in all the official languages of the Organization and continue to develop proposals for consideration by the Committee on Information at its next session in May 2000;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve and update document access and retrieval from the United Nations web sites and from the optical disk system, equally in the six official languages, at all duty stations by March 2000;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in formalizing the structure of the Information Technology Section, to ensure that the six official languages are treated equally;

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[12] A/C.5/54/28.

[13] A/AC.198/1999/6.

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the goal of the equal treatment of the six official languages is taken into account in the course of the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations web sites;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to improve access to the web page of the Procurement Division;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the measures taken by the end of April 2000, pursuant to requests made under this section, and decides to revert to this matter during its resumed fifty-fourth session;

F

Recalling its decision 38/401, section E of its resolution 52/214 and its resolution 53/208 E concerning the prohibition of smoking in small conference rooms and the discouragement of smoking in large conference rooms,

1. *Calls upon* representatives of Member States to abide by its decision 38/401, section E of its resolution 52/214 and its resolution 53/208 E;

2. *Encourages* all users of United Nations conference facilities, in order to avoid involuntary exposure to passive smoking, to refrain from smoking, in particular in conference rooms.

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